GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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FOOD POLICY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a comprehensive food policy in view of instability in the production of foodgrains, pulses and sugar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the new food policy is likely to be formulated?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a),(b)&(c): The Government of India's foodgrains management policy/ strategy enables farmers to get remunerative prices for their produce and also enables distribution of foodgrains at subsidized prices to the families identified under Antodyay Anna Yojana and Below poverty line and Above Poverty Line categories. This policy for foodgrains (rice, wheat and coarsegrains), encompasses the elements of procurement, storage, transportation, distribution and maintenance of buffer stocks.